



**City of Blairsville, GA**  
**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting**  
**September 7, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Blairsville City Hall**  
**62 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, GA 30512**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Jim Conley  
Councilmember Rhonda Mahan  
Councilmember Robert Moore  
Councilmember Tony Dyer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kaye McCann, City Clerk  
Michael Baxter, Police Dept

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

David Barrett, City Attorney  
Shawn Jarrard, North Georgia News  
Pat Malone, WJRB  
Laura Souther, FYN  
Steve Rowe, BUCCC President  
David Dyer, UC Fire Chief  
Mitch Griggs, UC Development Authority  
Samantha Thomason, Dana Carver  
Jen Rushing

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation was led by City Attorney David Barrett and pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Robert Moore.

**Call Meeting to Order:** Mayor Conley called the meeting to order 6:01 p.m.

**Approve Proposed Agenda:** Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the proposed agenda.

**Dispense reading and approve minutes:** Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to dispense reading of and approve minutes from the 8/3/2021 regular council meeting.

**Public Comments:** Mayor Conley stated Tommy Townsend of Granddaddy Mimms is planning a 5<sup>th</sup> Year Birthday Bash on 9/25/2021. Due to size of event and current COVID concerns Mayor Conley asked Council for their input. Council is ok with the celebration.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:**

- Steve Rowe provided a Chamber of Commerce update - announced Chamber named Granddaddy Mimms 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter business; September 11 Remembrance Ceremony at 8:00 a.m. at Meeks Park; Sporting Clays Tournament at Noontootla Creek Farms on 10/1/2021 benefiting VFW.
- Mitch Griggs addressed the council regarding providing sewer only in areas outside of the City's utility territory. Rather than addressing requests for service outside of the city's territory on a case-by-case basis and involving intergovernmental agreements with other water utilities, Mr. Griggs recommended a change in the water/sewer ordinance to allow for sewer only service. The city will install a meter alongside the meter installed by the water service provider to measure usage. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to proceed in changing Water/Sewer Ordinance to add "Sewer Service Only" outside of the city's utility territory and establishing a rate for this service.
- City Clerk Kaye McCann stated there will be no increase in the 2022 group insurance premiums. Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer to approve the 2022 group insurance rates.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve increasing DDA Manager Position from 32 hours/week to 40 hours/week.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the 2021-2022 Airport Liability insurance premiums - \$14,982.

- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve the Ricky Rich invoice to repair drainage issue on Goat Boulevard - \$11,350.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve Colwell Construction invoice for asphalt paving for Jones Street - \$22,236.80.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to write off Fatz Café Enterprise utility accounts for a total of \$10,110.67.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to call for Special Election on November 2, 2021 to fill the vacant Councilmember seat.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the following consent agenda items:
  - Occupational Tax Certificate - Richard W. Sarrell II, LLC; 144 Cleveland Street; Richard W. Sarrell II, owner; Law Firm
  - Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit - El Tejocote, Inc.; 294 Hwy 515 W. Unit B; Omar Godines-Najar, owner; Grocery Store

**Enter Executive Session**

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a roll call - Councilmember Rhonda Mahan-here; Councilmember Tony Dyer-here; Councilmember Robert Moore-here - to enter executive session for matters related to personnel issues. 6:39 pm

**Exit Executive Session**

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a roll call - Councilmember Rhonda Mahan-here; Councilmember Tony Dyer-here; Councilmember Robert Moore-here - to exit executive session. 6:55 pm Exhibit A

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve COVID vaccination incentive pay to all employees and elected officials as allowed by Federal Register Rules and Regulations/Volume 86, NO. 93 dated 5/17/2021. A copy of the vaccination card will need to be submitted to the Accounting Clerk to receive the incentive pay. Those that have not yet received the vaccine will have thirty days (by October 7) to get fully vaccinated in order to receive the incentive. Those on vacation the week of 9/7/2021 will have an extra five days and those that are unvaccinated and recovering from COVID will have an extension until such time they are allowed to receive the COVID vaccine.

**Adjourn**

- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to adjourn. 6:59 pm

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Kaye McCann, City Clerk

October 7, 2021

Approved by City Council